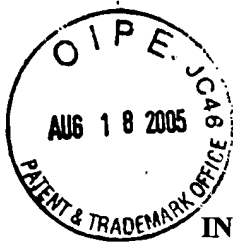


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**AMENDMENT**  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

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